# Board of Trustees

**Sustainable Operations Update** 

December 12th, 2025



**Administrative Operations** 

## University Wide Sustainability

#### Administrative Operations

- Sustainable Operations
- Energy Management
- Resource Management
- Emissions Tracking
- Campus Built and Natural Environment

#### Office of Research

- Research
  - Institute for a Sustainable Future
  - Other Institutes and Centers
  - Graduate and Undergrad Research
- Applied Research
- Corporate Partnerships

### Curricular, Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular

- Sustainability Focused Degree
   Programs and Certificates
- Sustainability Related Courses
- Student Clubs and Councils
- Student Life Programs
- Purdue Online and Purdue Global Offerings

Collaboration, Engagement Across Campus, Event Planning, Campus Education



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# 2025 Recognition

#6 U.S. University

Times Higher Education
Sustainability Impact Ranking

**#17 U.S. University** 

Sustainability in Higher Education, QS World University

**Bee Campus USA** 

Inaugural recognition in 2025

**Tree Campus USA** 

Received annually since 2009



### Purdue West Lafayette Emissions

**√39%** 

#### REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FY11-25

604K metric tons (FY11) to 369K metric tons (FY25)

个39%

### GROWTH IN WEST LAFAYETTE CAMPUS STUDENT ENROLLMENT

39,726 (FY11) to 55,119 (FY25)

个18%

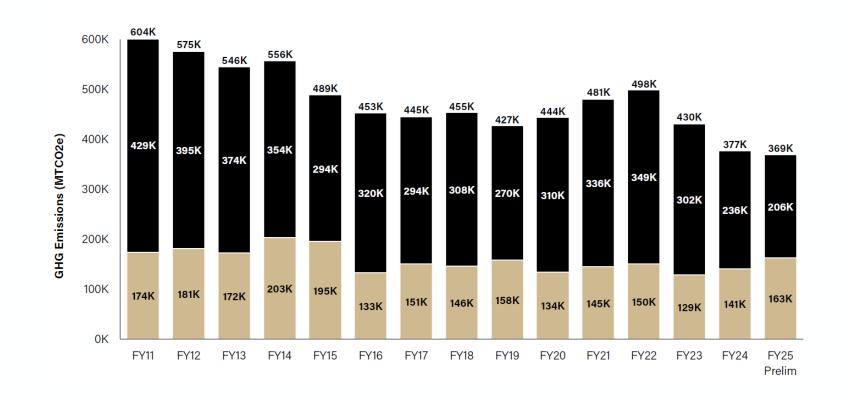
### GROWTH IN PURDUE OWNED GROSS SOUARE FOOTAGE (GSF)

17,648,695 (FY11) to 20,873,491 (FY25) Reflects West Lafayette campus proper (only owned space, no farms)

#### GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY SCOPE



Fiscal Years 2011 - 2025



## Other Operational Accomplishments

**55,000+ tons** of materials recycled (FY11-25)

19 buildings certified (e.g., LEED), 7 buildings in certification process (FY11-25)





~4,000 trees planted on campus (FY20-25)

At least **2,500,000,000 gallons** of water saved (FY11-FY25)

**19% decrease** in total energy use per square foot (FY11-25)



**10 miles** of new and improved bicycle infrastructure installed (FY14-25)



### Sustainable Operations

1

Advance Towards a Low Carbon Future

- Continue leadership role in the pursuit of nuclear energy in Indiana
- Perform energy optimization within campus buildings
- Optimize campus utility systems to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions

2

Consume Responsibly & Minimize Waste

- Reduce campus water use per square foot
- Reduce per capita waste material going to the landfill
- Develop sustainability criteria for purchased goods and services

3

Cultivate a Thriving Built and Natural Environment

- Analyze and update sustainability standards for new construction and major renovations
- Achieve Tree Campus and Bee Campus recognitions annually



### Small Modular Reactor Interest



- > Safe, reliable and affordable utility services while ensuring a sustainable future
- > Plan for steam and electric generation asset replacements that meet campus needs

#### **BEST SOLUTION**

#### **NEAR CAMPUS SMR or MICROREACTOR**

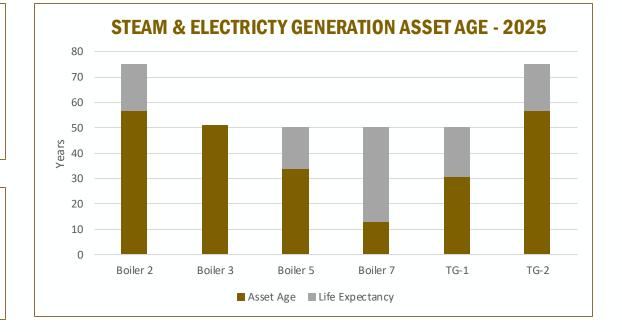
Replace existing electricity and steam, generated and produced Provide research opportunities

Greatest impact on GHG emissions reduction
Cost commensurate with existing operations

#### **BETTER SOLUTION**

#### IN STATE SMR, PURDUE OFF TAKER

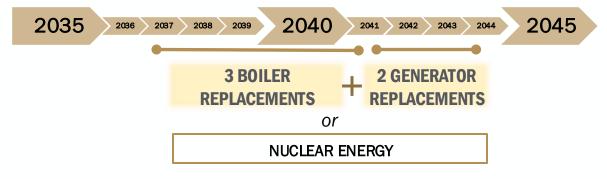
Replace existing electricity, generated and procured Continue to reduce GHG emissions Cost commensurate with existing operations



#### **GOOD SOLUTION**

#### **IN STATE SMR**

Establish supply chain, lower cost of future SMRs
Help reduce carbon intensity of the grid





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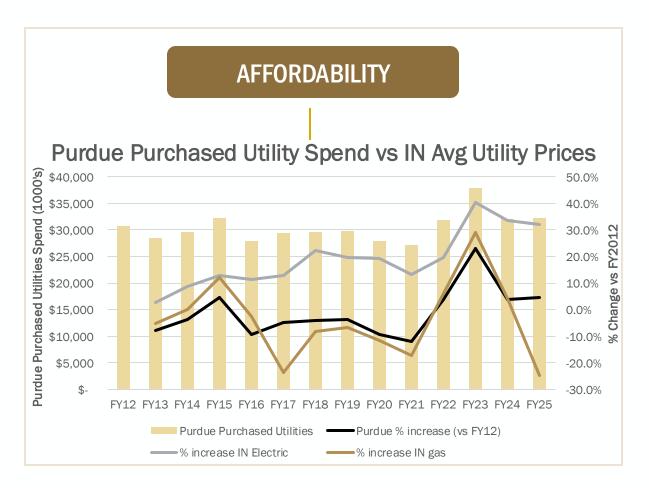
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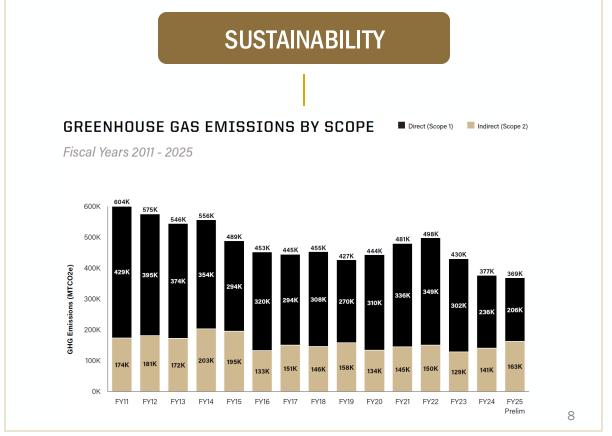
**RELIABILITY** 











## **Purdue University**

**State Leadership** 

#### **GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

November 5-6, 2025 | Purdue West Lafayette

#### Purdue Announces...

- > Small Modular Reactor Online Credential Program
- Creation of Institute for Energy Innovation
- Strategic Partnership with BWXT



- > First American Nuclear Announces Offices and Investment in Indiana
- > AES Indiana Announces Next Steps in SMR Studies for Indiana

#### **FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN PLANNING...**



#### **SUMMIT ATTENDEES**

Including policy makers, leaders from nuclear, finance, utilities, and skilled trades organizations, along with faculty, staff and students





# THANK YOU

